

Mathematics G4403. Modern Geometry  
Assignment 17

Spring 2012

Due Monday, March 5, 2012

[dC] = do Carmo, *Riemannian Geometry*

- (1) Let  $M$  be a complete Riemannian manifold with non-positive sectional curvature. Prove that

$$|(d \exp_p)_v(w)| \geq |w|$$

for all  $p \in M$ , all  $T_p M$  and all  $w \in T_v(T_p M)$ .

- (2) [dC] page 120-121 Exercise 4. (This is used in the proof on page 223 of [dC].)
- (3) [dC] page 238-240 Exercise 5.
- (4) Let  $M$  be a complete, simply connected Riemannian manifold of constant sectional curvature  $b$ . Let  $S_\ell(p) \subset M$  be the geodesic sphere with center  $p \in M$  and radius  $\ell > 0$ . Let  $\nu$  be the inward unit normal to  $S_\ell(p)$  at  $q \in S_\ell(p)$ . Show that for any  $x, y \in T_q(S_\ell(p))$ ,

$$\langle B(x, y), \nu \rangle = \begin{cases} \sqrt{b} \cot(\ell\sqrt{b}) \langle x, y \rangle & \text{if } b > 0 \text{ and } \ell < \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{b}}, \\ \frac{1}{\ell} \langle x, y \rangle & \text{if } b = 0, \\ \sqrt{-b} \coth(\ell\sqrt{-b}) \langle x, y \rangle & \text{if } b < 0. \end{cases}$$

In particular, if  $b > 0$  then  $S_{\frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{b}}}(p)$  is a totally geodesic submanifold of  $M$ .